

Minutes

Western Regional Youth Council

July 31, 2003
Beaver, Utah

Attendance: Lynnette Robinson Brad Neufeld Wayne Shamo
 Greg Muller Regan Wilson Sue Kimball
 Rich VanAusdal

Guests: Richard Nelson Becky Cox

Staff: Ann Barnson Jolene Bundy

Absent: Mike Murdock Ty Tippets Tamra Fullerton
 Evelyn Black Tracy Johnson Rosey Rosander
 Jim Eardley John Fullmer

Excused: Brian Olmstead (National Guard - in Iraq)

Minutes: Jolene Bundy

Welcome: *Greg Muller – Chair*

Greg welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Minutes from last meeting were presented and approved. Becky Cox was introduced. She has been asked to be a member of the Youth Council. She told about her experience and the programs and agencies she is working with in the Washington County area that involves the youth of the area. She is the coordinator between Washington County and Utah Family Centers and the schools. She Coordinates activities for the Utah Federation, a new program providing support for Millcreek High School, Parents Who Care, as well as several other programs in the area. Greg welcomed her and said her vast experience working with the youth, and especially youth with barriers, will be a great asset to our council. Ann said her name will have to be presented to the Regional Council for approval before she is an official member. We will do that in Council Meeting today.

Action Items: *Greg Muller*

Greg began by going over the actions items from the last meeting.

- A letter regarding the WIA reauthorization was sent to the legislature with our recommendation that the funding be kept at 70% in school and 30% out of school rather than changed to 30% in school and 70% out of school youth.
- A request was made to have Jolene put the mission statement on the Agenda each time. She has done that. However, there is a small change. The word youth should be added to say Western Regional Youth Council.
- Greg was going to work on a web page that tells how to write grants and where to go for information on what grants are available. He has not accomplished this yet but is working on it. He is setting a time line for him self to have this for our next meeting. He has done the research to obtain the federal sources available. He just needs to finish it now. Our next meeting will be the Council of Councils in October. **He will call Jane**

Broadhead and offer to have a presentation on this as a breakout session for the Council of Councils. If he can't do it there, he will do it at the next region Youth Council meeting.

- Richard and Brad were to come up with the name of a Parent of a participant to be a member of our youth council. They have not been able to do that so that action item will remain for next time. They will also be trying to find a Participant that can be a member of the council.
- Jolene sent out a list of the position vacancies to all members. Ann went over the list. There are still a lot of vacancies. Everyone was encouraged to let us know if they have anyone they feel would be good to fill these vacancies. Sue Kimball was going to contact Becky Cox about being a member of the council. She did that and that is why Becky is here today. Greg thanked her for doing that.
- Jolene was to send out the Action Items ASAP so he would know what he needed to be doing. She did that.
- Greg and Ann were to be working on an orientation Manuel or presentation. Greg was going to do one on the computer. He is still working on that.
- All members were asked to try the E-Choices program. Greg said he went in and found the program to be beneficial and helpful. Rich said the college uses it a lot and finds it helpful. It has some good resources for helping with education. Regan asked how to use it. Ann said you have to have a password. Regan will call Ann to get the password to be able to get into it and use it.

Greg thought it was good to allow about the first 20 minutes to go over the action items from the last meeting and suggested it be the first item on the Agenda each time.

Membership – Greg Muller, Chair

- We need another representative from the Region Council and someone from the Judicial Court system because Brian Nielson is no longer with the State Court Office.
- Sue suggested contacting Chief Stratton in Washington County to get a name of someone that could be on the council or contacting Dennis Jennings of the Probation office and see if there is someone from that office that could be a member of the council. Becky said she knows Dennis and will ask him.
- Lynnette will contact someone in the 6 county area.
- We also need someone to take Carl Holmes place. Rick White is the new President of Snow College South and Noel Bailey is also at Snow College South. Greg will contact Rick White and also see who took Brian Nelsons place in the State Court office.
- Lynnette suggested someone from Central Utah Educational System (CUES).
- We also need someone who will be able to attend from the school district. Jim Johnson was suggested. He is now with the Iron County school district. Colleen Granger is no longer the school superintendent in Washington County. She might be willing to serve as a member.
- Lynnette suggested Amber Hansen as a youth participant who could be a member.
- Misty Watcott is also a youth participant that might consider being a member of the council.
- Regan suggested Robert Depo from the Paiute Tribe in Cedar. He would be a good representative of a minority race. Sue suggested someone from the Latino community as

we have a lot of those in the Washington County area. **Greg will ask JoAnn Bessie for some names from the minority populations.**

Youth Services Provider Update / Winfield Kids – Richard Nelson, WFK

Richard passed out a report of the summer youth programs. It shows the worksites used during the summer as well as the number of youth placed on the program. He said they placed 58 youth on summer jobs. They developed a job site at SkyWest Airlines. It has been a good door opener. They have 10 positions they can fill there. They are not all filled yet. They are focusing on job sites with employers that could be long term employment. Of those placed, 27% were out of school youth. Now with the new WIA authorization which may change to 70%, they are trying to get more out of school youth. Richard said they could be working with twice as many youth if they had the funding. They are always looking for additional funding sources to help with the number of youth interested in the program.

Priority Rating System – Ann Barnson

Ann has a copy of the current WIA funding law, the current proposal, and President Bush's proposal on the new law. It is still not passed but this is the proposal. **She will have Jolene send it out to each member.** One of the changes proposed will take out low income eligibility. They will still have to be skills deficient or be involved with the court system. Now they will also include alternative schools or foster care. Because of these changes, a proposal is being made to make two changes to the Priority Rating System. It is proposed a minimum of 6 points be set for eligibility qualification for WIA Services and that Veteran and Disabled Veteran be added as barriers. Regan ask if we should change the out of school drop out points to a higher number. Lynnette suggested we wait to see if the new law goes through as proposed. Ann said most of them can easily get 6 points. Usually if they have one barrier they usually have more. Their experience is that most of them can easily get 6 points. The question was asked if the category of offender is just youth or if it can include a Parent offender. They suggested having a parent that is an offender is a barrier for most youth. Ann said it is only the youth, not the parent. Rich asked if this was to prioritize the youth and Brad said yes. The point system prioritizes the youth so those with the most points (barriers) get on the program first. *Greg made a motion to change the Priority Rating System to include Veterans and Disabled Veterans and to leave the minimum points for eligibility at 6 points. Rich seconded the motion. The Motion carried.*

Youth Build - Sue Kimball

Sue said she found out about a program called Youth Build.

- It is a grant that provides funding for the youth to build low income housing. The youth gain the skills in construction and the building trades, it helps them get a GED, and the homes are provided for low income families. She sees it as a great service and helps provide a need for those she works with, like single mothers and the homeless.
- Sue thought this would be a good program to work with the Dixie Applied Technology College (DATC).
- This could also be done in Richfield through the College there.
- The grants were due by June 6th so we are probably too late to get it this year but she thought we could put the program together to be ready to obtain a grant for next year.

- Rich said the DATC already has a Building Construction program and this would fit in great with their program.
- Everyone felt this was a great idea and it should be pursued.
- Lynnette suggested talking with Ty Tippetts who is a Public Housing Director and works with low income housing.
- **Greg asked Sue if she could commit to helping get this going and take the lead in the project, get a letter from each Agency involved, and ask someone to be over the project. Sue said she would.**
- It was suggested we find out where the money goes and bring them into the project.
- Becky suggested Sue get all the parties involved and have them meet together.

Conference Calling – Greg Muller

Greg said he recently found out about a program to do free conference calling. It is a way to connect the youth with resources, information, and services through a Phone Bridge at no cost. **He will provide us with the information** on how they can have the youth talk with someone in their area of interest to see if they want to do it as a career or how to go about having it for a career, etc. He thought it would be very helpful.

It was time to close the meeting to go to the Garden-Of-Eat'n for the Regional Council Meeting. Wayne made a motion to dismiss the meeting and Sue seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

ACTION ITEMS

- Greg – Call Jane Broadhead concerning a presentation for a breakout session during the Council of Councils on grant writing.
- Greg – Have the grant writing presentation ready for the next Youth Council Meeting if he doesn't do it for Council of Councils.
- Brad / Richard – come up with a name of a Parent of a participant to be a member of the Youth Council.
- Brad / Richard – Find a Participant that can be a member of the Youth Council.
- Greg and Ann – Work on an Orientation Manuel/Presentation.
- Jolene – have Action Items the first item on the Agenda each time.
- Becky Cox – Contact Dennis Jennings about someone from Probation being a member of the council.
- Lynnette – Contact someone in 6 county area in the Probation Office to be on the council.
- Lynnette – Contact someone from CUES to be a member of the council.
- Greg – talk to JoAnn Bessie about someone from the Minority population to be a member of the Youth Council.
- Ann – Send the WIA funding law and the proposals for the new laws to Jolene so she can send them out to the council members.
- Sue – Take the lead in getting the Youth Build Project going by getting together the parties involved and taking charge.